(b) whether Government propose to announce any support price for cotton for the benefit of cotton growers; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There is a decline in cotton process.

(b) and (c) Government have already announced minimum support price for cotton for 1986-87 season on 25th September, 1986 and these prices are Rs. 5/higher than last years prices in respect of basic varieties.

Indo-Nepal Treaty

779. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the experience gained in the working of the 1950 Indo-Nepal Treaty and the need for a stronger and closer links between the two countries with the changed circumstances in the subcontinent, Government of India have considered the desirability of reviewing the Treaty for better cooperation ndl friendship between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps contemplated by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Indo-Nepal Treaty reflects the close and friendly relations between India and Nepal which have developed over the centuries as a result of the historical, geographical and cultural affinities between the two countries. The Government of India are of the considered view that the Treaty continues to serve the cause of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Development of Tourism in J & K

780. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Central Government on the development of tourism in Jammu and Kashmir during the year 1985-86, region-wise; -and

(b) the number of projects *on.* which the funds are being spent?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (b) During the year 1985-86 two continuing projects of the Central Department of Tourism were under-execution in Jammu & Kashmir and the total amount spent on these projects aggregated to Rs. 20. 50 lakhs. Rs. 17. 50 lakhs on Bagh-e-Bahu in Jammu and Rs. 3. 00 lakhs on Archae-ogical tourist centres at Avantipur, Martand and Pandrathan in Kashmir.

Nfew system for export of textile goods

781. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are adopting some new system for the export of textile products by adopting new non-quota exporter system;

(b) what is the extent of increase in the export expected by the new system; and

(c) which are the major countries that are importing textile goods from India for the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THB MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is too early to indicate a precise estimate of the extent of increase in exports. However, it is expected that the introduction of the new system would encourage exporter*

to boost exports to non-quota countries.

(c) Tiie major countries importing textile goods are; USSR, * EEC, USA, Canada, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, Australia, Czechoslovakia, etc.

P. M. s criticism of big houses

782. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently critisised the big business houses in the country for not making any efforts to boost exports;

(b) if so, the details of the big business houses which are exporting Inidian made-items to other countries; and

(c) what efforts Government have made to encourage the big business houses to export more?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR); (a) to (c) The Prime Minister had made a mention to the effect that the big houses in the country had not. done enough to boost exports.

A number of measures have been taken in the field of fiscal policy, industrial policy and import-export policy which would encourage *inter alia* larger houses to export. These include, among other, the set off of a percentage of net f. o. b. value of exports allowed for income tax purposes, raising of limit from Rs. 20 crores to Rs. 100 crores for large houses tinder the MRTP Act. expansion of the list of industries of Appendix to the Press Note of Februry 2, 1973 for investment by MRTP/ FERA Companies and the decision at export production will be kept outside the licensed capacity.

भारतीय दूतावासों में राजभाषा का प्रयोग

783. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विदेशों में स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों में राजभाषा के प्रयोग से संबंधित स्थिति क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि विदेशों में तथा संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ में भारत ही एकमात्र ऐसा देश है जो न केवल अपनी भाषा तथा अपनी वेश-भूषा का प्रयोग नहीं करता बल्कि अपनी संस्कृति को भी प्रस्तुत नहीं करता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो राजभाषा के संवर्धन के लिए क्या-क्या नये कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० नटवर सिंह) : (क) मंत्रालय समय-समय पर अपने मिशनों को सरकारी काम-काज में हिन्दी के प्रयोग की आवश्यकता पर बल देते हुए राजभाषा सम्बन्धी आदेश भेजता रहा है । हमारे मिशनों के कार्य का स्वरूप सर्वथा भिन्न है । उनका अधिकांश कार्य विदेशी सरकारों के साथ होता है । तथापि, मुख्यालय के साथ मिशनों का पत्र-व्यवहार कुछ सीमा तक हिन्दी में होता है । मिशनों में उपयोग में आने वाली आम-पट्टिकाएं, रबड़ की मुहरें आदि राजभाषा नियमों के अनुसार हिन्दी में हैं । सांस्कृतिक तथा अन्य अवसरों पर विशेष रूप से ऐसे देशों में जहां भारतीय मूल के व्यक्तियों की संख्या अधिक है, राजभाषा का भी प्रयोग किया जाता है । फिर भी मिशनों का अधिकांश कार्य अंग्रेजी में ही किया जाता है ।

(ख) और (ग) संयुक्त राष्ट्र में सदस्य देशों को केवल वहां की अधिकारिक भाषाओं के प्रयोग करने की अनुमति है । फिर भी कोई सदस्य देश यदि चाहे तो अपनी